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LETTER DATED 16 JUNE 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I am transmitting to you hereunder the text of the statement issued by the Kuwaiti Council of Ministers following the adoption by the Security Council of its resolution 833 (1993) concerning the completion by the Iraq-Kuwait Boundary Demarcation Commission of its work.

"Kuwait affirms that it will honour and be bound by Security Council resolution 833 (1993) and all the relevant Security Council resolutions. The Council has welcomed the final report of the Iraq-Kuwait Boundary Demarcation Commission entrusted with the implementation of paragraph 3 of its resolution 687 (1991). It has reaffirmed that the Commission's decisions are final. It has underlined and reaffirmed its decision to guarantee the inviolability of the international boundary between Kuwait and Iraq and to take as appropriate all necessary measures to that end in accordance with the Charter. It has recalled that, through the demarcation process, the Commission entrusted with the task of demarcating the boundary between Kuwait and Iraq by its resolutions 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991 and 689 (1991) of 9 April 1991 was not reallocating territory between Kuwait and Iraq but was simply carrying out the technical task necessary to demarcate the precise coordinates of the boundary on the basis of the existing agreements and the supporting documentation and evidence provided by the two parties to the Commission, whose decisions are to be considered final as of their adoption. It has demanded that Iraq and Kuwait, in accordance with international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, respect the inviolability of the international boundary, as demarcated by the Commission, and the right to navigational access.

"Kuwait regards the Security Council resolution as an enlightened achievement for the Organization and for international legitimacy and one to be added to its series of achievements contributing to the promotion of international peace and justice. Kuwait takes this opportunity to alert all the countries of the world to the need to maintain pressure on the Iraqi regime to implement all of the relevant Security Council resolutions and particularly those relating to the speedy release of the Kuwaiti prisoners and hostages and third-country nationals that the Iraqi regime is still holding in its prisons and detention camps."

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Permanent Representative